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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. AOTA, et al.
Serial No.: 10/560,225
Filed: DECEMBER 12, 2005
For: FRICTION STIRRING-WELDING METHOD
Group AU: 1793
Examiner: Kiley Shawn Stoner
Confirm. No.: 2697

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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January 26, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2008, the period for response having been extended for three (3) months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.